

the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13694 with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-829. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, as amended by Section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, a semi-annual report relative to telecommunications-related payments made to Cuba during the period from July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-830. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Determination Under section 7034(I)(5) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2023 (Div. K, P.L. 117-328)"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-831. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Determination Under section 7034(I)(5) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2023 (Div. K, P.L. 117-328)"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-832. A communication from the Interim President and CEO, Inter-American Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's FY22 Annual Performance Report (APR) and FY24 Annual Performance Plan (APP) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-833. A communication from the Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Labor's fiscal year 2021 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs annual report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-834. A communication from the Inspector General of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Congressional Budget Justification for fiscal year 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-835. A communication from the Board Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Congressional Justification of Budget Estimates Report for fiscal year 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-836. A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report relative to its compliance with Section 3686(c) of the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-837. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the United States Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled, "Sexual Harassment in the Federal Workplace: Understanding and Addressing the Problem"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-838. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board Annual Performance Report for FY 2022 and Annual Performance Plan for FY 2023-2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-839. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Report of the United States Government (Financial Report)"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-840. A communication from the President and CEO, Inter-American Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's FY22 Annual Performance Report (APR) and FY24 Annual Performance Plan (APP) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-841. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's fiscal year 2022 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Anti-discrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-842. A communication from the Senior Official Performing the Duties of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Performance Plan for fiscal years 2022-2024, and the Annual Performance Report for fiscal years 2022-2024 received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-843. A communication from the Agency Representative, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishing Permanent Electronic Filing for Patent Term Extension Application" (RIN0651-AD59) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2023; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-844. A communication from the Agency Representative, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees During Fiscal Year 2020" (RIN0651-AD31) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2023; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-845. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled "To clarify the application of the additional fees relating to certain H-1B and L petitions, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-846. A communication from the Legal Advisor of the Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Freedom of Information and Privacy Act" (RIN0355-AA00) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2023; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-847. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Department of Justice Freedom of Information Act 2022 Litigation and Compliance Report," and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for all federal agencies' Freedom of Information Act reports; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-848. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2020 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-849. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Department of Justice, Community Relations Service for fiscal year 2021; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Finance:

Special Report entitled "Activities of the Committee on Finance During the 117th Congress" (Rept. No. 118-4).

By Mr. WARNER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report entitled "Report of the Select Committee on Intelligence United States Senate covering the period of January 3, 2021 to January 3, 2023" (Rept. No. 118-5).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Nickolas Guertin, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

*Ronald T. Keohane, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Curtis R. Bass and ending with Brig. Gen. Dale R. White, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 21, 2023.

*Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Bradford J. Gering, to be Lieutenant General.

*Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Masiello, to be Lieutenant General.

*Navy nomination of Rear Adm. James P. Downey, to be Vice Admiral.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Marine Corps nomination of Daniel T. Turaj, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

By Mr. SANDERS for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Kalpana Kotagal, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2027.

*Moshe Z. Marvit, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring August 30, 2028.

*Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

*Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

*Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2024.

*Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2027.

*Deirdre Hamilton, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2025.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 991. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to reform the National Labor Relations Board, the Office of the General Counsel, and the process for appellate review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. LUJAN):

S. 992. A bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to designate the Texas and New Mexico portions of the future Interstate-designated segments of the Port-to-Plains Corridor as Interstate Route 27, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 993. A bill to prohibit certain uses of xylazine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. OSSOFF):

S. 994. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide that COPS grant funds may be used for local law enforcement recruits to attend schools or academies if the recruits agree to serve in precincts of law enforcement agencies in their communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 995. A bill to promote democracy in Venezuela, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 996. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a demonstration project to improve outpatient clinical care for individuals with sickle cell disease; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. KELLY):

S. 997. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the issuance of permits under title V of that Act for certain emissions from agricultural production; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 998. A bill to require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to audit Federal spectrum; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 999. A bill to require the National Telecommunications and Information Adminis-

tration to estimate the value of electromagnetic spectrum assigned or otherwise allocated to Federal entities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1000. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the accuracy of market-based Medicare payment for clinical diagnostic laboratory services, to reduce administrative burdens in the collection of data, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 1001. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the exemption for telehealth services from certain high deductible health plan rules; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1002. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve risk adjustment under Medicare Advantage; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1003. A bill to modify the Federal and State Technology Partnership Program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. WARREN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1004. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to eliminate origination fees on Federal Direct loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1005. A bill to amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to improve the weatherization assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 1006. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on implementation of the advanced capabilities pillar of the trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CARPER, Ms. SMITH, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WELCH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. KELLY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1007. A bill to establish in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the Department of State a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Peoples, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1008. A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety standard with respect to rechargeable lithium-ion batteries used in micromobility devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 1009. A bill to authorize the posthumous honorary promotion to general of Lieutenant

General Frank Maxwell Andrews, United States Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BRAUN:

S. 1010. A bill to authorize the honorary promotion of Master Sergeant Harold B. Pharis, United States Army (retired), to Sergeant Major; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Ms. ERNST):

S. 1011. A bill to require an annual report of Federal employees and retirees with delinquent tax debt; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. CARPER):

S. 1012. A bill to authorize Offices of Inspectors General to continue operations during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 1013. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to close or realign the Marine Corps Recruit Depot located at Parris Island, South Carolina; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1014. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to initiate hearings to review Federal milk marketing orders relating to pricing of Class I skim milk, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KELLY (for himself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 1015. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WELCH, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1016. A bill to address the impact of climate change on agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1017. A bill to amend title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 to ensure due process in grievance proceedings; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BRAUN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 1018. A bill to extend the statute of limitations for fraud by individuals under the COVID-19 unemployment programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 1019. A bill to provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to certain officials of Argentina; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. Res. 126. A resolution recognizing the vital importance of the Mekong River to Southeast Asia and the role of the Mekong-United States Partnership in supporting the prosperity of the region; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.